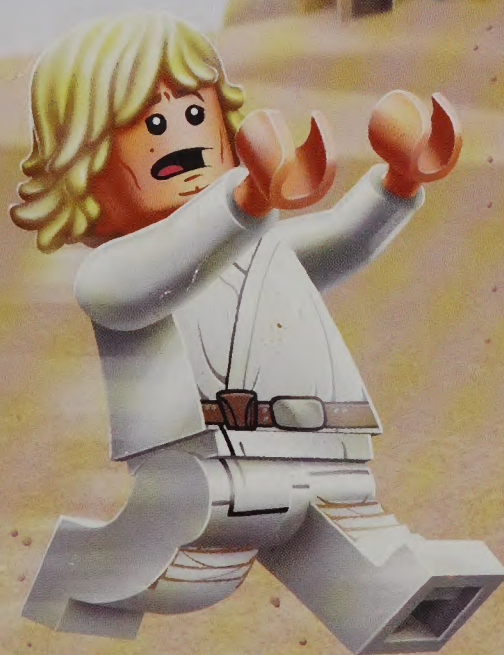




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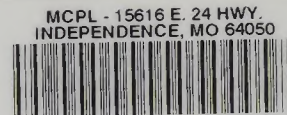
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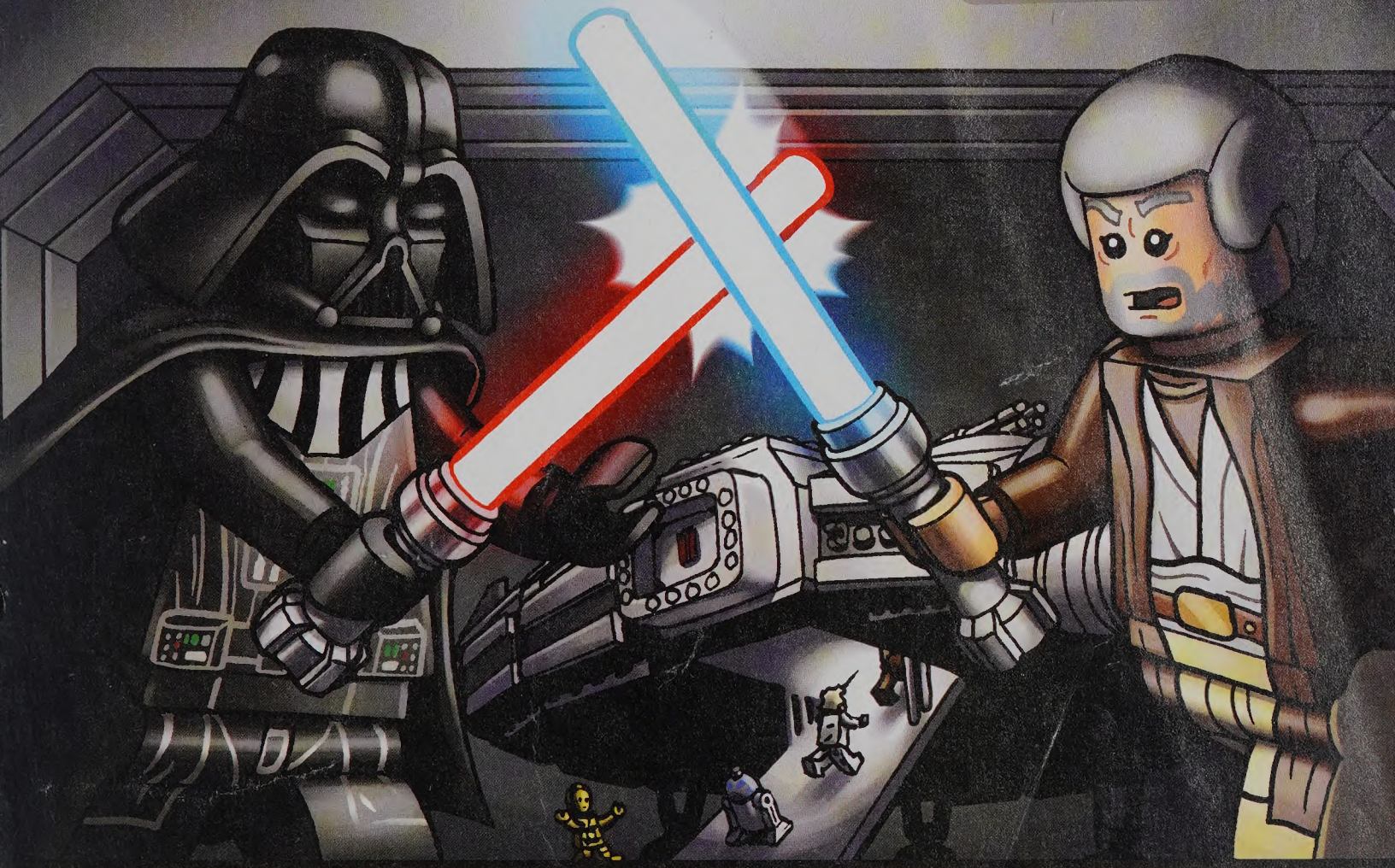


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**A LONG TIME AGO  
IN A GALAXY FAR, FAR AWAY. . . .**

*The evil Darth Vader was  
hunting a brave young princess  
who had stolen the instructions  
for the Empire's wickedest  
weapon  the Death Star.*



**PRINCESS LEIA WAS NO FOOL, THOUGH. SHE KNEW HER SHIP COULD NOT OUTRUN VADER'S. BUT SHE COULD OUTSMART HIM.**

GET THESE SECRET PLANS  
TO OBI-WAN KENOBI!



HOW DO YOU FIND  
A PRINCESS?

**BOOM!**

I DON'T KNOW,  
SIR. HOW?

**BOOO!**

YOU HAVE TO BE TALL,  
DARK, AND RUTHLESS.

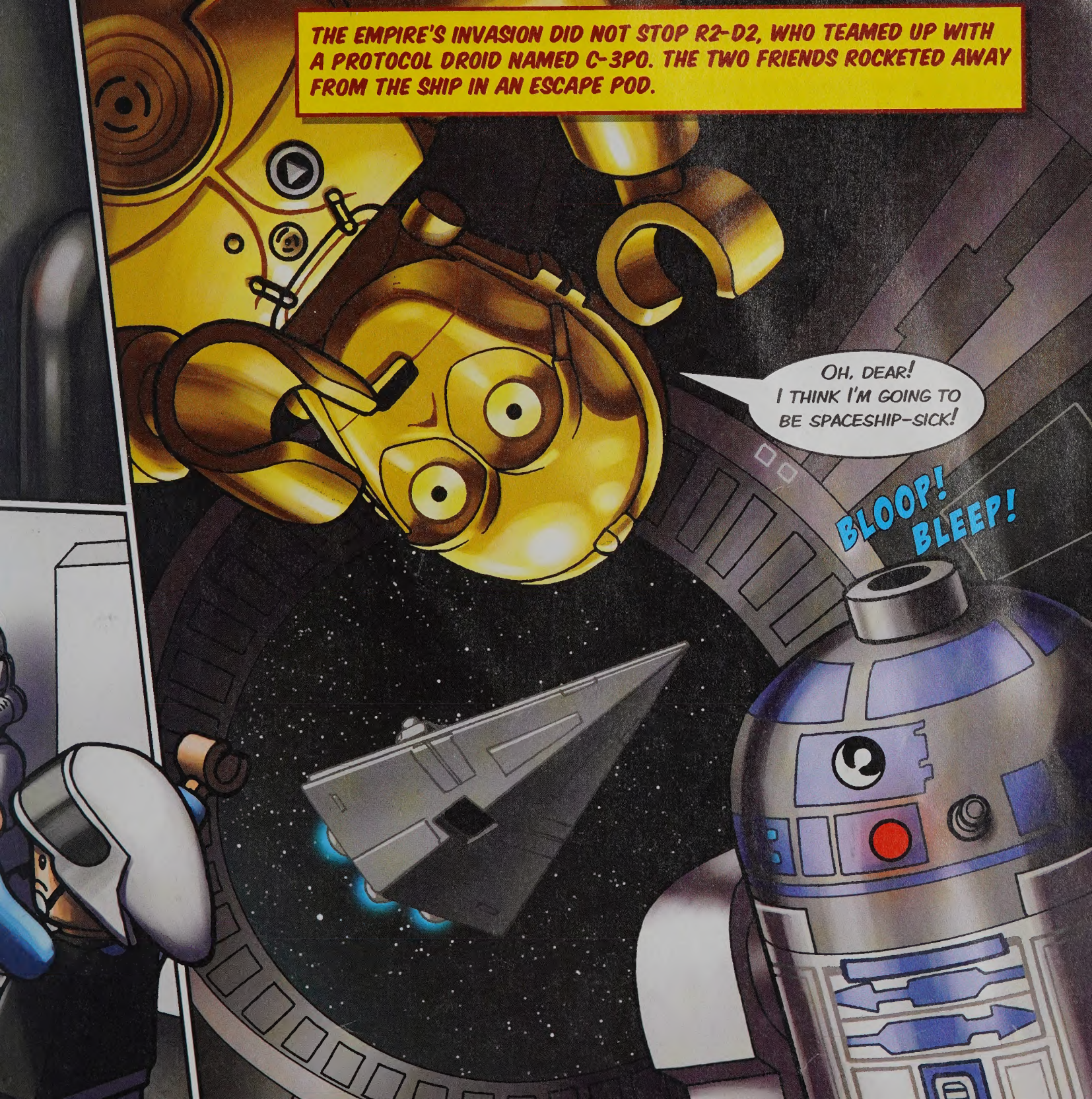
**WITH A HUGE EXPLOSION, THE SIDE OF LEIA'S SHIP WAS TORN APART. STORMTROOPERS SWARMED IN AND CAPTURED THE REBELS WHILE VADER STEPPED ON BOARD.**



**THE EMPIRE'S INVASION DID NOT STOP R2-D2, WHO TEAMED UP WITH A PROTOCOL DROID NAMED C-3PO. THE TWO FRIENDS ROCKETED AWAY FROM THE SHIP IN AN ESCAPE POD.**

OH, DEAR!  
I THINK I'M GOING TO  
BE SPACESHIP-SICK!

**BLOOP!  
BLEEP!**



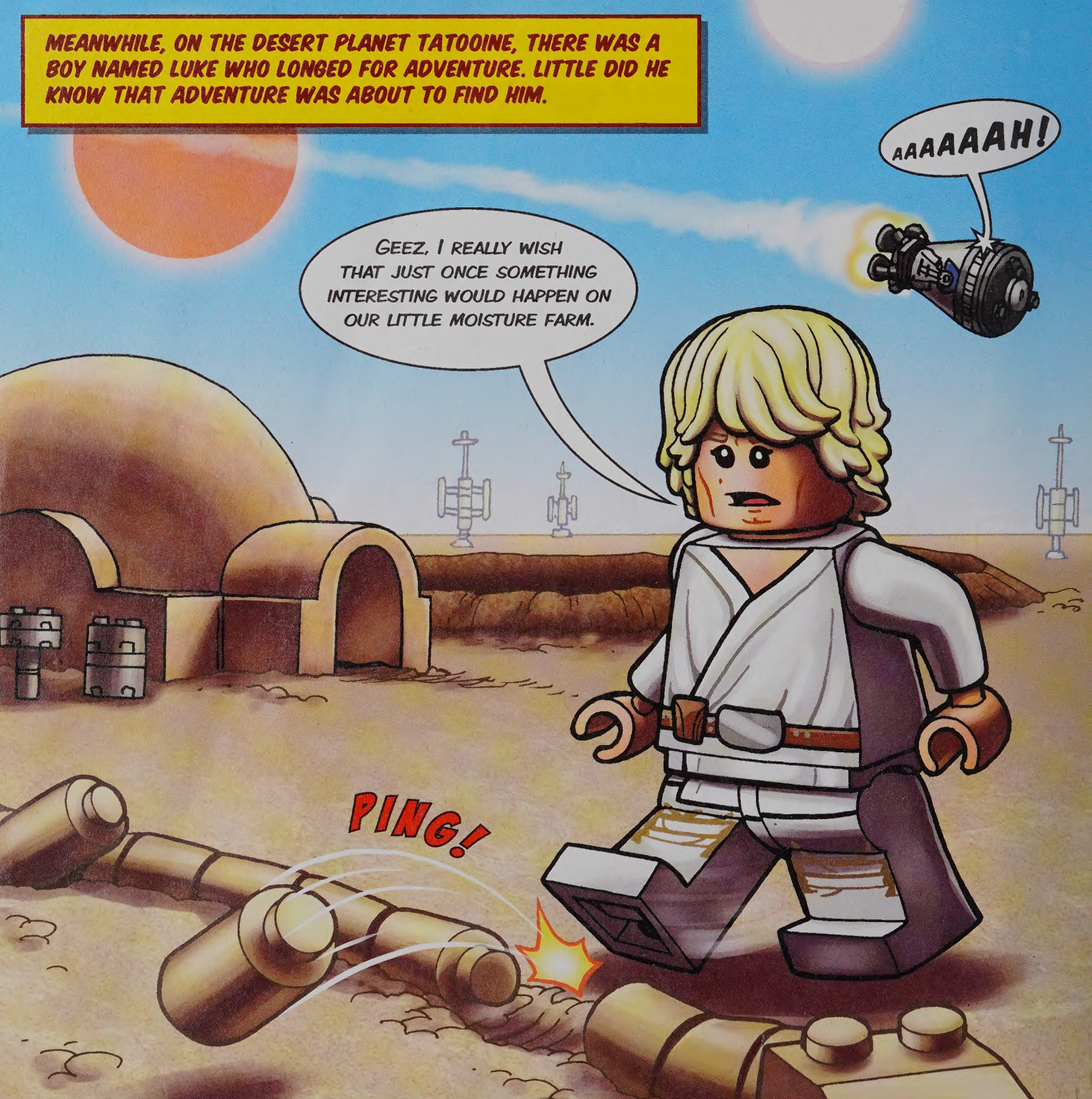


MEANWHILE, ON THE DESERT PLANET TATOOINE, THERE WAS A BOY NAMED LUKE WHO LONGED FOR ADVENTURE. LITTLE DID HE KNOW THAT ADVENTURE WAS ABOUT TO FIND HIM.

GEEZ, I REALLY WISH  
THAT JUST ONCE SOMETHING  
INTERESTING WOULD HAPPEN ON  
OUR LITTLE MOISTURE FARM.

AAAAAAH!

PING!





THE DROIDS CRASH-LANDED NOT FAR FROM LUKE'S HOME. NOW THEY ONLY NEEDED TO FIND OBI-WAN KENOBI. WHAT COULD GO WRONG?



UTINNI?

OH, THANK GOODNESS, SIRS.  
PERHAPS YOU CAN HELP US.  
BY ANY CHANCE DO YOU KNOW  
WHERE WE CAN FIND SOMEONE  
NAMED OBI-WAN KENOBI?

UTINNI?

NO, HIS NAME  
IS PRONOUNCED  
KAH-NO-BE.

UTINNI!

UTINNI!



R2-D2 AND C-3PO HAD STUMBLED INTO THE HANDS OF JAWAS, THE BIGGEST DROID SCAVENGERS AND SELLERS ON TATOOINE.

BIG SALE AT JAWAS'

A DROID FOR EVERY REASON

YOU BREAK IT, YOU

WE'VE GOT ROBOTS

EVERYTHING MUST GO!

JAWAS ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR  
BROKEN DROIDS  
NO RETURNS, ALL  
SALES FINAL


TAA BAA!

I'LL TAKE IT.

THIS ONE  
DOESN'T LOOK  
VERY MOTIVATED.







I'LL NEED YOU TO TRANSLATE TO MY MOISTURE VAPORATORS. AND I HAVE A FEW OTHER FOREIGN, GALACTIC BOOKS I'D LIKE YOU TO READ TO ME. DO YOU SPEAK EWOKESE?

DOES AN EWOK DANCE IN THE WOODS?

**LUCKILY, LUKE AND HIS UNCLE OWEN HAD A VERY SPECIFIC NEED FOR A PROTOCOL DROID. THEY BOUGHT BOTH C-3PO AND R2-D2.**

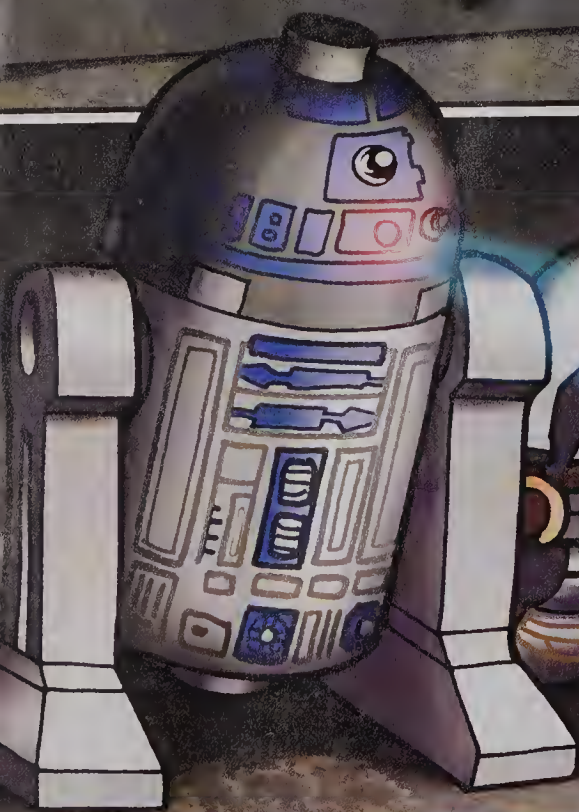
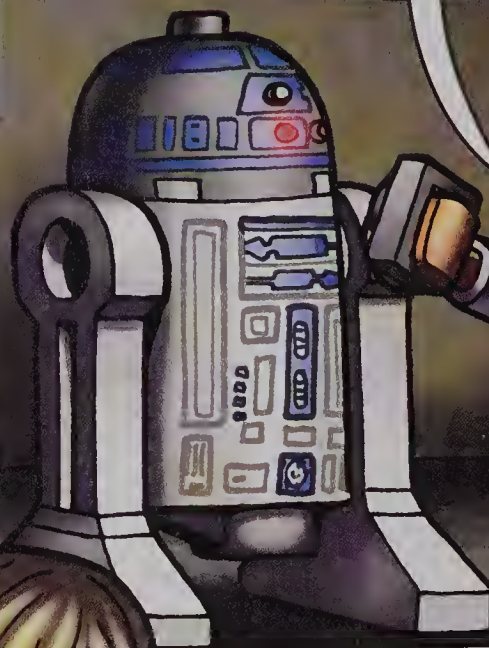


**AS LUKE CLEANED TATOOINE DUST OFF THE DROIDS . . .**



**OIL  
BATH**

HMMM, THIS PIECE ISN'T  
SUPPOSED TO BE HERE.  
I'LL JUST PULL IT OUT.



UM, THERE'S A BEN  
KENOBI WHO LIVES A  
FEW DUNES OVER.

HELP ME, OBI-WAN KENOBI,  
YOU'RE MY ONLY—HEY, WAIT  
A MINUTE. YOU'RE  
NOT OBI-WAN!

OKAY, THEN, LET'S GO  
SEE HIM BEFORE I LOSE  
MY PATIENCE.



**. . . HE DISCOVERED PRINCESS LEIA'S SECRET MESSAGE.**





**ONCE THE MILLENNIUM FALCON WAS CLOSE ENOUGH TO THE DEATH STAR, IT WAS TRAPPED IN A TRACTOR BEAM AND DRAGGED INSIDE THE GIANT SPACE STATION. EVERYONE INSIDE THE MILLENNIUM FALCON QUICKLY HID SO THAT THE EMPIRE WOULD THINK THE SHIP WAS EMPTY.**

CAPTURE  
EVERYONE ON  
THAT SHIP.

YOU KNOW WHAT? I'M THE  
MOST VALUABLE CARGO  
I'VE EVER SMUGGLED.

HRMMPH!



**THE STORMTROOPERS COULDN'T FIND ANYTHING ON THE SHIP. BUT HAN AND LUKE FOUND THE STORMTROOPERS!**

MIND IF WE  
BORROW YOUR  
HELMETS?


YEAH, WE  
NEED TO FIT  
IN AROUND  
HERE.

HERE, VADER, VADER, VADER.

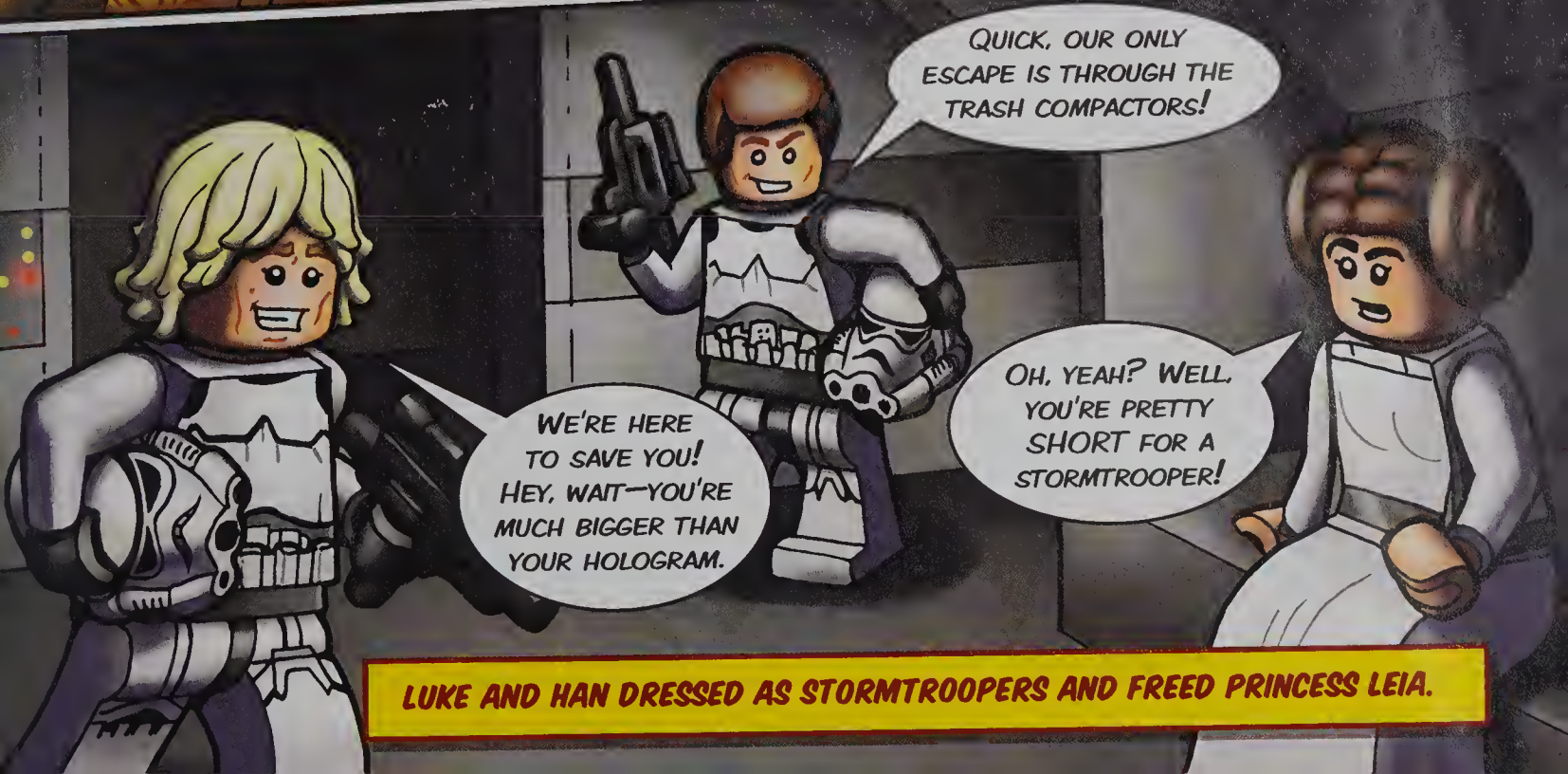
**WHILE OBI-WAN SNUCK OUT ON  
HIS OWN SECRET MISSION . . .**



... THE DROIDS WENT TO A CONTROL BOOTH.



IT LOOKS LIKE WE CAN  
CONTROL EVERYTHING  
EXCEPT THE TRASH  
COMPACTORS FROM HERE.



QUICK, OUR ONLY  
ESCAPE IS THROUGH THE  
TRASH COMPACTORS!

WE'RE HERE  
TO SAVE YOU!  
HEY, WAIT—YOU'RE  
MUCH BIGGER THAN  
YOUR HOLOGRAM.

OH, YEAH? WELL,  
YOU'RE PRETTY  
SHORT FOR A  
STORMTROOPER!

LUKE AND HAN DRESSED AS STORMTROOPERS AND FREED PRINCESS LEIA.



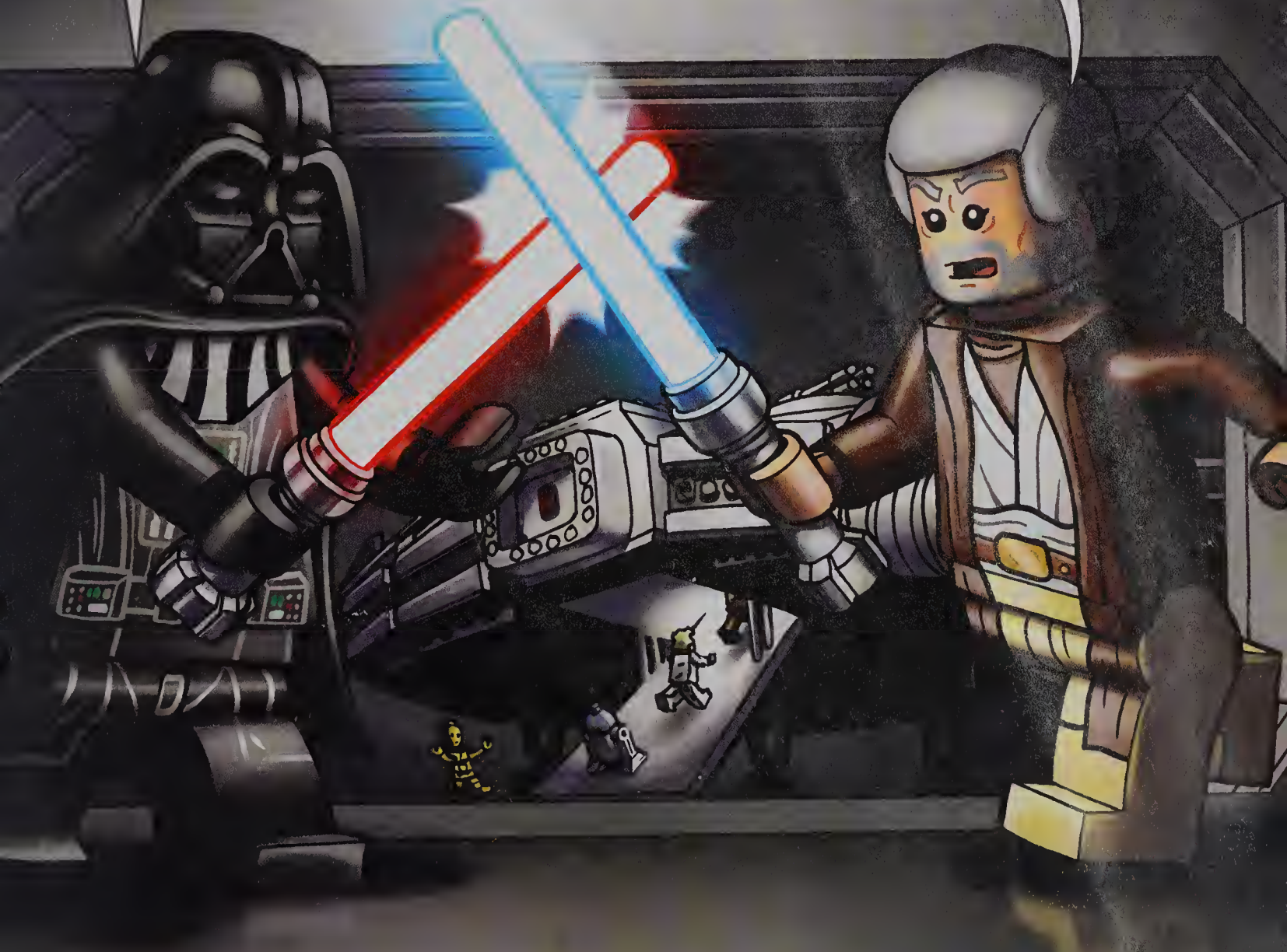
**AS SOON AS THEY LANDED IN THE TRASH COMPACTOR, THE WALLS STARTED CLOSING IN, THREATENING TO CRUSH THE CREW. BUT LEIA HAD A PLAN!**





LOOKS LIKE THE END OF  
YOUR STORY, KENOBI.

I'VE STILL GOT A FEW  
TRICKS UP MY JEDI SLEEVES.



**MEANWHILE, DARTH VADER FOUND HIS OLD NEMESIS, OBI-WAN KENOBI. THE SITH LORD AND THE JEDI BATTLED UNTIL KENOBI WAS SURE THAT LUKE, LEIA, AND THE CREW HAD SAFELY ESCAPED.**



BACK AT THE REBEL BASE, PRINCESS LEIA EXPLAINED THE ONE WEAKNESS OF THE EMPIRE'S DEATH STAR. WITH THEIR ORDERS, THE TEAM PREPARED THEIR SHIPS AND LAUNCHED INTO AN EPIC SPACE BATTLE.



WE NEED TO HIT THIS SPOT EXACTLY TO MAKE THE DEATH STAR GO BOOM. AND WE'LL ONLY HAVE ONE SHOT.

EXCUSE ME.

PARDON ME.





NEED TO BLOW UP  
THE DEATH STAR.

COMING THROUGH!

**THE X-WINGS STRUCK FIRST, BUT THEY WERE OVERPOWERED BY HUNDREDS OF TIE FIGHTERS. LUKE MANAGED TO DODGE AND WEAVE HIS WAY TOWARD THE DEATH STAR'S ONE WEAK SPOT.**



**BUT DARTH VADER DID NOT GIVE UP SO EASILY! HE CHASED LUKE AND WAS JUST ABOUT TO BLAST HIM OUT OF THE GALAXY . . .**

THERE'S NO  
ESCAPE NOW.

ARTOO, DUMP THOSE PIECES  
I'VE BEEN COLLECTING. THEY'RE  
SLOWING US DOWN.

**. . . WHEN LUKE GAVE HIM A SPECIAL SURPRISE!**



**USING THE FORCE TO GUIDE HIS BLAST, LUKE HIT THE MARK AND THE DEATH STAR BEGAN TO RUMBLE.**

THIS IS NOT BUILT  
RIGHT! I CAN'T SEE  
A THING!

NANNY-NANNY BOO-BOO,  
THE JEDI JUST BEAT YOU!



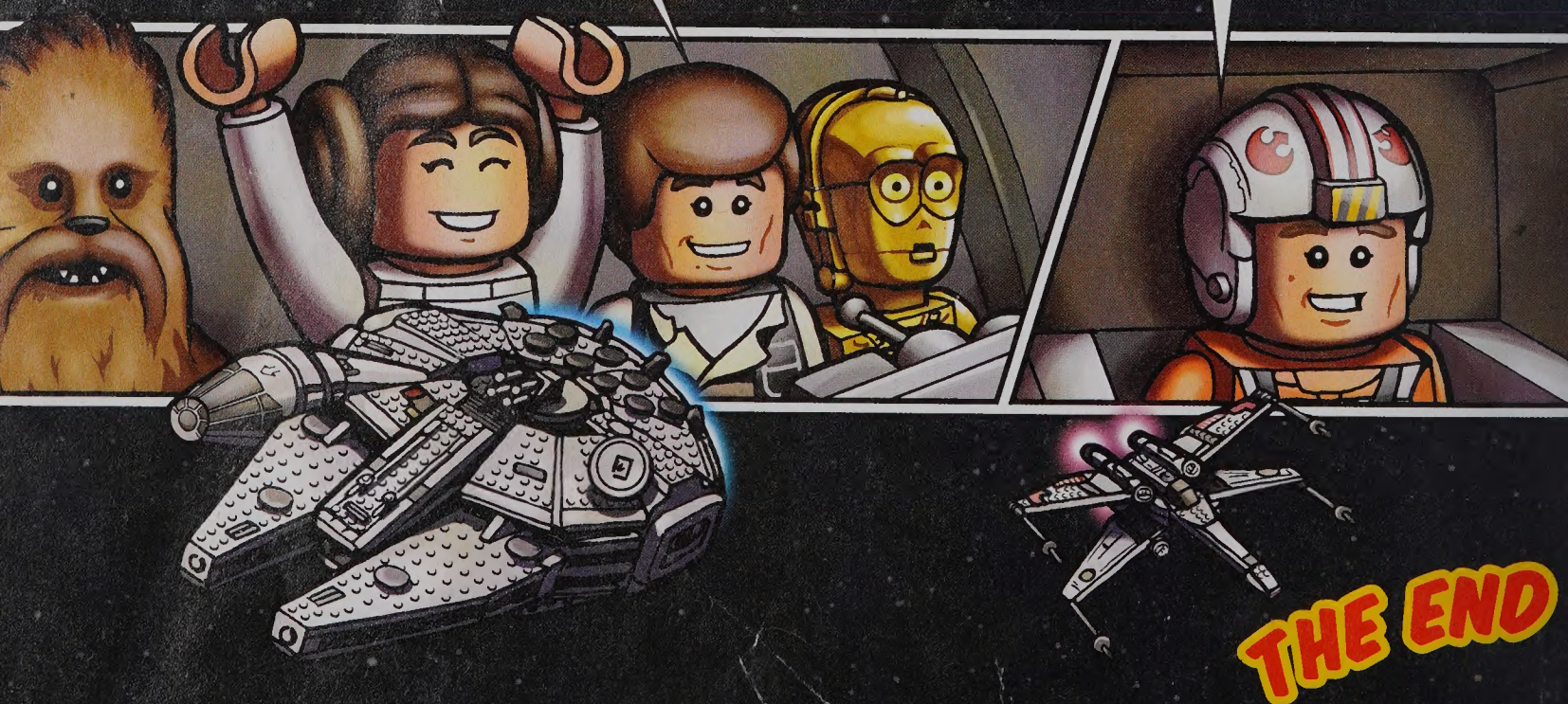


AS THE DEATH STAR EXPLODED INTO MILLIONS OF PIECES, LUKE AND THE REBELS COULD FINALLY CELEBRATE THEIR BIGGEST VICTORY AGAINST THE EMPIRE YET!

**BOOM!**

THREE CHEERS  
FOR LUKE!

NOW THAT WAS  
PRETTY INTERESTING.











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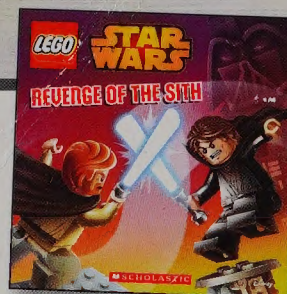
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TO LUKE SKYWALKER AND HIS FRIENDS TO  
DEFEAT DARTH VADER AND THE EMPIRE. IT'S  
THE ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME FILLED WITH  
ACTION, LAUGHS, WOOKIEES, AND MORE!**



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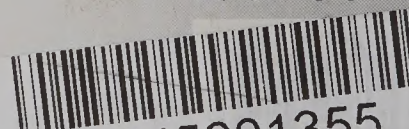
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